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SUBJECT: FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DATA: LAURENCE MANN

REF: GEORGETOWN 1240 AND PREVIOUS

1. I ASKED FONMIN FRED WILLS TODAY (AUGUST 6) IF HE COULD GIVE ME ANY BACKGROUND ON MANN'S RELATIONSHIP TO PM BURNHAM. WITHOUT BATTING EYELASH WILLS SAID BURNHAM REGARDS MANN AS "THE SON HE NEVER HAD" (BURNHAM HAS ONLY DAUGHTERS BY HIS TWO MARRIAGES). WILLS ADDED THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE HIMSELF WAS AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT IN SAME "FOSTER SON" CATEGORY, BUT HE HAD OUTGROWN RELATIONSHIP. FOR A TIME BURNHAM ALSO TREATED ELVIN MCDAVID, WHO WAS FIRST DIRECTOR OF GUYANA NATIONAL SERVICE, AS FAVORITE, BUT MCDAVID FELL FROM GRACE AND NOW HOLDS SECONDARY POSITION IN IN PNC HIERARCHY.

2. WILLS WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS IN NO WAY DETRACTS FROM MANN'S PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, BUT IT DOES TEND TO MEAN THAT MANN GETS WHAT HE WANTS, SINCE HE IS WELL VERSED IN GAME OF "PALACE POLITICS".

3. WILLS TONE HINTED THAT HE KNOWS HANDLING MANN MAY PRESENT SOME PROBLEMS BUT THAT WILLS BELIEVES HE CAN MANAGE THEM.
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